



Bridge Scholars PLUS

Program Policy and Expectations

The Comprehensive Studies Program expanded the Summer Bridge Scholars Program to include a first-year experience for scholars interested in extending their involvement in Bridge beyond the summer. Bridge Scholars PLUS is a community-based leadership development program that is designed to develop student leaders while fostering an overall sense of belonging and connectedness to the UM community in a supportive educational environment.

Bridge Scholars PLUS, is a 1-year program with community-based leadership opportunities through the fourth year. The program includes a common intellectual experiences, collaborative assignments & projects, service learning/community-based learning, and access to diversity/global learning. For the first year of the program, participants will be assigned a Peer Academic Coach according to their interest in various areas of study. Scholars will connect with their Academic Coach on a regular basis to review their progress in their studies, discuss past and upcoming assignments, and learn new approaches to encourage academic success. Academic Coaches will also promote academic success in general education courses as well as courses being used toward a potential major.

Program Goals & Objectives

- Develop student leadership skills
- Enhance personal & professional development
- Cultivate community & overall sense of belonging within a small environment
- Provide access to financial support services & campus resources

Program Expectations

Year One

Each Bridge Scholars PLUS Participants must:

- Register for ALA 171 for Fall term and CSP 101 Winter term
- Earn credit in both ALA 171 and CSP 101
- Remain in good academic standing by maintaining an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher
- Meet with assigned Academic Coach at least one (1) time per week
- Meet with Academic Advisor at least twice per fall and winter terms

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- Attend at least 2 CSP workshops
- Attend at least 1 community building event per fall and winter term
- Explore and/or apply for at least 2 second summer, or internship opportunities

Year Two

Each Bridge Scholars PLUS Participants must:

- Remain in good academic standing by maintaining an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher
- Meet with Academic Advisor at least twice per fall and winter term
- Attend at least 2 CSP workshops
- Attend at least 1 community building event per fall and winter term
- Explore and/or apply for at least 1 second summer, or internship opportunity

Year Three

Each Bridge Scholars PLUS Participants must:

- Remain in good academic standing by maintaining an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher
- Meet with Academic Advisor at least once per fall and winter term
- Attend at least 1 CSP workshop
- Attend at least 1 community building event per fall and winter term
- Attend 1 graduate school exploration event
- Secure and/or have participated in at least 1 summer opportunity

Year Four

Each Bridge Scholars PLUS Participants must:

- Remain in good academic standing by maintaining an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher
- Meet with Academic Advisor at least once per fall and winter term
- Attend at least 1 CSP workshop
- Attend at least 1 community building event per fall and winter term
- Identify and secure post graduation plans

Funding Eligibility

BSP Scholarship (up to \$4,000) - Every incoming cohort participant in good academic standing is eligible for a one-time BSP scholarship of up to \$4000. BSP participants must submit an application to be considered for the BSP scholarship. The scholarship is eligible for an approved study abroad or internship summer experience. All study abroad and internship summer experiences are approved by the BSP scholarship committee.

*(Note): As of fall 2018, this scholarship will be administered only once. The BSP 2015, 2016, & 2017 cohort participants who have not received the scholarship are still eligible to receive this scholarship.

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BSP Scholarship (\$1,000 voucher) - Due to the structure of this funding, as of fall 2018 this voucher will not be available for incoming BSP cohort participants. The funding allocated for this scholarship will be applied toward the BSP (up to \$4,000) scholarship overall budget for participants. *(Note): Only the BSP 2015, 2016, & 2017 participants will be eligible for this voucher due a grandfather clause.

Students who do not remain in good academic standing, and do not maintain an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher, will no longer be eligible to participate in the program.

Students who are suspended or expelled from the University, will no longer be eligible to participate in the program.

Student Programming Committees

Student programming committees provide BSP students an opportunity to develop and enhance their leadership and organizational skills. BSP students who are interested in event planning, and creating programs/activities for the community are encouraged to serve on a student programming committee. Each committee is chaired and co-chaired by a current BSP Peer Academic Coach. Committees will be comprised of students of all years. Students will have the opportunity to sign up to serve on (1) one, but no more than (2) two committees. Each committee will operate for (1) full academic year, both fall and winter term. Committee members are expected to serve for both fall and winter term.

The student programming committees are as follows:

Educational & Career Development

The Educational & Career Development Committee is responsible for planning activities that will allow BSP community members to explore and engage in educational and career enrichment. Events may include:

- Graduate school fair/tour
- Alumni Association Networking Event
- Events with Career Center and LSA Hub

Community Building

The Community Building Committee is responsible for planning the large communal events designed to foster interaction within the entire BSP Community. Events may include:

- Social Events (no parties)
- BSP Dinner Reception

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Leadership & Development

The Leadership & Development Committee is responsible for engaging the BSP community in leadership and professional development opportunities across campus to build leadership skills.

Events may include:

- Promoting CSP leadership workshops
- BSP Annual Conference
- [Leadership Programs at UM](#)

Community & Service Learning

The Community & Service Learning Committee is responsible for engaging the BSP community in project-based learning experiences. This committee will explore community engagement and draw connections to their academic and professional interests. Events may include:

- Food Gathers
- Alternative Spring Break
- Ronald McDonald House
- Project outreach
- Project community

Email bsp-bridge@umich.edu with questions regarding scholarship and program eligibility